

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

OAKLEY, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

CJDROPSHIPPING.COM and THE
OPERATOR OF CJDROPSHIPPING.COM,

Defendants.

Case No. 22-cv-01140

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Oakley, Inc. (“Oakley” or “Plaintiff”) hereby brings the present action against cjdropsshipping.com and the operator of cjdropsshipping.com (collectively “Defendants”) and alleges as follows:

I. INTRODUCTION

1. This action has been filed by Oakley to address Defendants’ selling and offering for sale of gloves featuring infringements and/or counterfeits of Oakley’s federally registered trademarks (the “Counterfeit Products”) through Defendants’ website at cjdropsshipping.com. Oakley seeks to address Defendants’ infringement and/or counterfeiting of its registered trademarks, as well as to protect unknowing consumers from purchasing low-quality Counterfeit Products over the Internet from China. Oakley has been and continues to be irreparably damaged through consumer confusion, dilution, and tarnishment of its valuable trademarks as a result of Defendants’ actions and seeks injunctive and monetary relief.

II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. This Court has original subject matter jurisdiction over the claims in this action pursuant to the provisions of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1051, *et seq.*, 28 U.S.C. § 1338(a) and

(b), and 28 U.S.C. § 1331. This Court has jurisdiction over the claims in this action that arise under the laws of the State of Illinois pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a), because the state law claims are so related to the federal claims that they form part of the same case or controversy and derive from a common nucleus of operative facts.

3. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391, and this Court may properly exercise personal jurisdiction over the Defendants because Defendants directly target business activities toward consumers in Illinois and cause harm to Oakley's business within this Judicial District. Defendants have targeted sales from Illinois residents by operating a fully interactive and commercial website at cjdropshipping.com that offers to sell and has sold Counterfeit Products to residents of Illinois. Defendants are committing tortious acts in Illinois, are engaging in interstate commerce, and have wrongfully caused Oakley substantial injury in the State of Illinois.

III. THE PARTIES

Plaintiff Oakley

4. Oakley is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Washington, having its principal place of business at One Icon, Foothill Ranch, California 92610.

5. Oakley is an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Luxottica Group S.p.A.

6. Oakley is an internationally recognized manufacturer, distributor and retailer of eyewear, apparel, footwear, outerwear, jackets, gloves, accessories and other merchandise, all of which prominently display its famous, internationally-recognized and federally-registered Trademarks, including OAKLEY and various Icon logos (collectively, the "Oakley Products"). Oakley Products have become enormously popular and even iconic, driven by Oakley's arduous quality standards and innovative design. Among the purchasing public, genuine Oakley Products

are instantly recognizable as such. In the United States and around the world, the Oakley brand has come to symbolize high quality, and Oakley Products are among the most recognizable of their kind in the world.

7. Oakley Products are distributed and sold to consumers through retailers throughout the United States, including through authorized retailers in Illinois, the official oakley.com website which was launched in 1995, and Oakley O Stores, including one located at 835 N. Michigan Avenue in Chicago, Illinois.

8. Oakley incorporates a variety of distinctive marks in the design of its various Oakley Products. As a result of its long-standing use, Oakley owns common law trademark rights in its trademarks. Oakley has also registered its trademarks with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Oakley Products typically include at least one of Oakley's registered trademarks. Oakley uses its trademarks in connection with the marketing of Oakley Products, including, but not limited to, the following mark which is referred to as the "Oakley Trademark".

Registration Number	Trademark	Good and Services
5,109,790		For: Gloves in class 25.

9. The above registration for the Oakley Trademark is valid, subsisting, and in full force and effect. The Oakley Trademark has been used exclusively and continuously by Oakley for many years and has never been abandoned. The registration for the Oakley Trademark constitutes *prima facie* evidence of its validity and of Oakley's exclusive right to use the Oakley Trademark pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1057(b). Attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** is a true and correct copy of the United States Registration Certificate for the Oakley Trademark included in the above table.

10. The Oakley Trademark is exclusive to Oakley and is displayed extensively on Oakley Products and in Oakley's marketing and promotional materials. Oakley Products have long been among the most popular of their kind in the world and have been extensively promoted and advertised at great expense. In fact, Oakley has expended millions of dollars annually in advertising, promoting and marketing featuring the Oakley Trademark. Oakley Products have also been the subject of extensive unsolicited publicity resulting from their high-quality, innovative designs and are renowned luxury items. Because of these and other factors, the Oakley brand and the Oakley Trademark have become famous throughout the United States.

11. The Oakley Trademark is distinctive when applied to Oakley Products, signifying to the purchaser that the products come from Oakley and are manufactured to Oakley's quality standards. Whether Oakley manufactures the products itself or licenses others to do so, Oakley has ensured that products bearing its trademarks are manufactured to the highest quality standards. The Oakley Trademark has achieved tremendous fame and recognition, which has only added to the inherent distinctiveness of the mark. As such, the goodwill associated with the Oakley Trademark is of incalculable and inestimable value to Oakley.

12. Since at least as early as 1995, Oakley has operated a website where it promotes and sells genuine Oakley Products at oakley.com. Sales of Oakley Products via the oakley.com website represent a significant portion of Oakley's business. The oakley.com website features proprietary content, images and designs exclusive to Oakley.

13. Oakley's innovative marketing and product designs have enabled Oakley to achieve widespread recognition and fame, and also made the Oakley Trademark one of the most well-known marks in the eyewear, apparel and accessories industry. The widespread fame, outstanding reputation, and significant goodwill associated with the Oakley brand have made the Oakley Trademark a valuable asset of Oakley.

14. Oakley has expended substantial time, money, and other resources in developing, advertising and otherwise promoting the Oakley Trademark. As a result, products bearing the Oakley Trademark are widely recognized and exclusively associated by consumers, the public, and the trade as being high-quality products sourced from Oakley. Oakley is a multi-million-dollar operation, and Oakley Products have become among the most popular of their kind in the world.

The Defendant

15. Defendants are individuals or business entities that, on information and belief, reside in China. On information and belief, the Defendants ship products from China. Defendants, together, form a global enterprise designed to distribute and import counterfeit products from China into the United States and other countries.

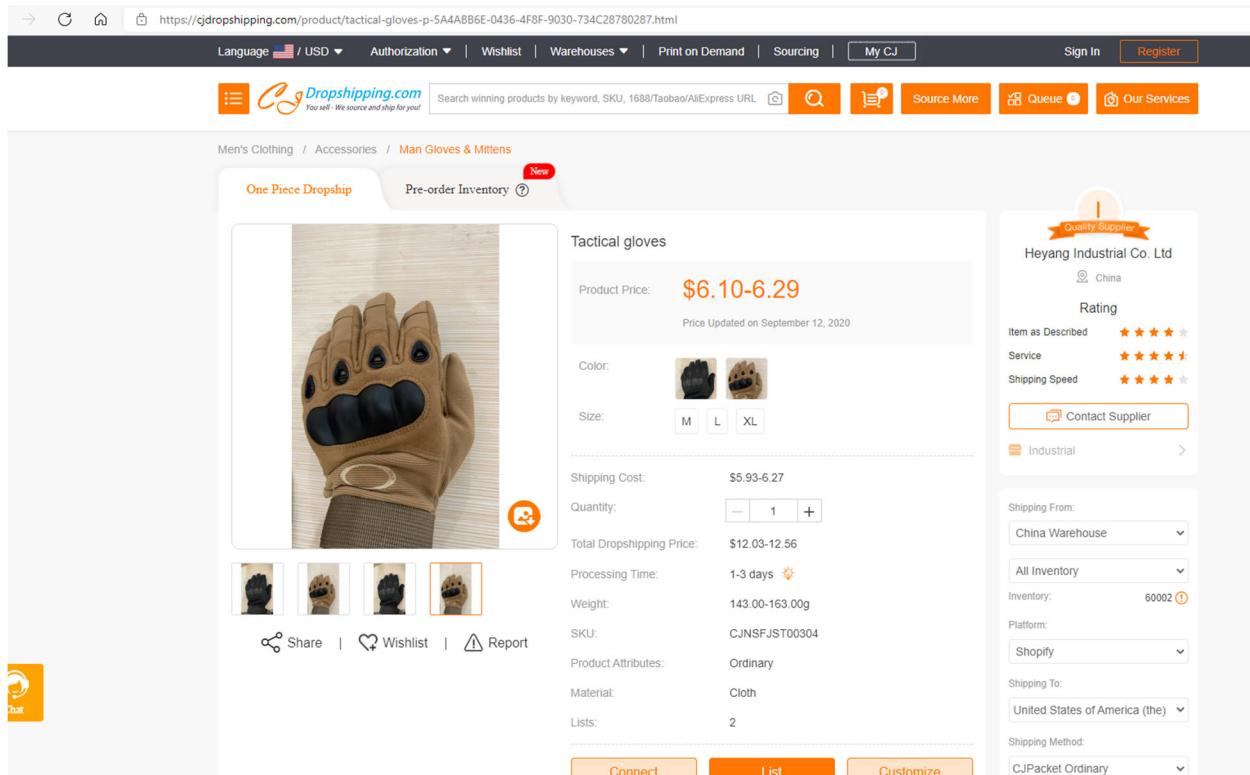
16. Defendants conduct business throughout the United States, including within the State of Illinois and this Judicial District, through at least the operation of their fully interactive, commercial website at cjdropshipping.com. Defendants target the United States, including Illinois residents, and have offered to sell, and have sold and shipped, infringing and counterfeit products to consumers within the State of Illinois through their website at cjdropshipping.com.

IV. DEFENDANTS' UNLAWFUL CONDUCT

17. Defendants operate a fully interactive, commercial website at cjdropshipping.com (“Defendants’ Website”).

18. Defendants are engaged in designing, manufacturing, advertising, promoting, distributing, selling, and/or offering for sale products on Defendants’ Website bearing logos and trademarks that are source-identifying indicia and design elements that are studied imitations, infringements, and/or counterfeits of the Oakley Trademark (previously defined as the “Counterfeit Products”).

19. The following is a screenshot of Defendants' Website as of March 1, 2022, showing the Counterfeit Products for sale.



20. Oakley's investigator visited Defendants' Website and purchased the Counterfeit Products.

21. The purchased Counterfeit Products were shipped to the State of Illinois.
22. The purchased Counterfeit Products were inspected, and it was determined that they are counterfeit and infringed the Oakley Trademark.
23. A comparison of the Oakley Trademark to Defendants' Counterfeit Products exemplifies Defendants' counterfeiting and infringement of the Oakley Trademark.

Oakley Trademark	Defendants' Counterfeit Products
 (Reg. No. 5,109,790)	 

24. On information and belief, Defendants are well aware of the extraordinary fame and strength of the Oakley Trademark and the goodwill associated therewith.

25. Defendants, without any authorization, license, or other permission from Oakley, have used the Oakley Trademark in connection with the advertisement, distribution, offering for sale, and sale of Counterfeit Products into the United States and Illinois over the Internet.

26. Defendants' use of infringements and/or counterfeits of the Oakley Trademark in the advertisement, distribution, offering for sale, and sale of the Counterfeit Products was willful.

27. Defendants' willful use of infringements and/or counterfeits of the Oakley Trademark in connection with the advertisement, distribution, offering for sale, and sale of the Counterfeit Products, including the sale of Counterfeit Products into Illinois, is likely to cause and has caused confusion, mistake, and deception by and among consumers and is irreparably harming Oakley.

COUNT I
TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT AND COUNTERFEITING (15 U.S.C. § 1114)

28. Oakley hereby re-alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in the preceding paragraphs.

29. This is a trademark infringement action against the Defendants based on their unauthorized use in commerce of counterfeit imitations of the federally registered Oakley Trademark in connection with the sale, offering for sale, distribution, and/or advertising of infringing goods. The Oakley Trademark is a highly distinctive mark. Consumers have come to expect the highest quality from Oakley Products sold or marketed under the Oakley Trademark.

30. Defendants have sold, offered to sell, marketed, distributed and advertised, and are still selling, offering to sell, marketing, distributing, and advertising products bearing infringements and/or counterfeits of the Oakley Trademark without Oakley's permission.

31. Oakley is the exclusive owner of the Oakley Trademark. Oakley's United States Registration for the Oakley Trademark (**Exhibit 1**) is in full force and effect. On information and belief, Defendants have knowledge of Oakley's rights in the Oakley Trademark and are willfully infringing and intentionally using counterfeits and/or infringements of the Oakley Trademark. Defendants' willful, intentional and unauthorized use of the Oakley Trademark is likely to cause and is causing confusion, mistake, and deception as to the origin and quality of the Counterfeit Products among the general public.

32. Defendants' activities constitute willful trademark infringement and counterfeiting under Section 32 of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1114.

33. Oakley has no adequate remedy at law, and if Defendants' actions are not enjoined, Oakley will continue to suffer irreparable harm to its reputation and the goodwill of its well-known Oakley Trademark.

34. The injuries and damages sustained by Oakley have been directly and proximately caused by Defendants' wrongful reproduction, use, advertisement, promotion, offering to sell, and sale of Counterfeit Products.

**COUNT II
FALSE DESIGNATION OF ORIGIN (15 U.S.C. § 1125(a))**

35. Oakley hereby re-alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in the preceding paragraphs.

36. Defendants' promotion, marketing, offering for sale, and sale of Counterfeit Products has created and is creating a likelihood of confusion, mistake, and deception among the general public as to the affiliation, connection, or association with Oakley or the origin, sponsorship, or approval of Defendants' Counterfeit Products by Oakley.

37. By using the Oakley Trademark on the Counterfeit Products, Defendants created a false designation of origin and a misleading representation of fact as to the origin and sponsorship of the Counterfeit Products.

38. Defendants' false designation of origin and misrepresentation of fact as to the origin and/or sponsorship of the Counterfeit Products to the general public involves the use of counterfeit marks and is a willful violation of Section 43 of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125.

39. Oakley has no adequate remedy at law and, if the Defendants' actions are not enjoined, Oakley will continue to suffer irreparable harm to its reputation and the goodwill of the Oakley brand.

**COUNT III
VIOLATION OF ILLINOIS UNIFORM DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES ACT
(815 ILCS § 510, *et seq.*)**

40. Oakley hereby re-alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in the preceding paragraphs.

41. Defendants are engaged in acts violating Illinois law including, but not limited to, passing off its Counterfeit Products as those of Oakley, causing a likelihood of confusion and/or misunderstanding as to the source of their goods, causing a likelihood of confusion and/or misunderstanding as to an affiliation, connection, or association with genuine Oakley Products, representing that their products have Oakley's approval when they do not, and engaging in other conduct which creates a likelihood of confusion or misunderstanding among the public.

42. The foregoing Defendants' acts constitute a willful violation of the Illinois Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act, 815 ILCS § 510, *et seq.*

43. Oakley has no adequate remedy at law, and Defendants' conduct is causing Oakley to suffer damage to its reputation and associated goodwill. Unless enjoined by the Court, Oakley will suffer future irreparable harm as a direct result of Defendants' unlawful activities.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Oakley prays for judgment against Defendants as follows:

- 1) That Defendants, their officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, confederates, and all persons acting for, with, by, through, under or in active concert with them be temporarily, preliminarily, and permanently enjoined and restrained from:
 - a. using the Oakley Trademark or any reproductions, counterfeit copies or colorable imitations thereof in any manner in connection with the distribution, marketing, advertising, offering for sale, or sale of any product that is not a genuine Oakley Product or is not authorized by Oakley to be sold in connection with the Oakley Trademark;
 - b. passing off, inducing, or enabling others to sell or pass off any product as a genuine Oakley Product or any other product produced by Oakley, that is not Oakley's or not

- produced under the authorization, control or supervision of Oakley and approved by Oakley for sale under the Oakley Trademark;
- c. committing any acts calculated to cause consumers to believe that Defendants' products are those sold under the authorization, control or supervision of Oakley, or are sponsored by, approved by, or otherwise connected with Oakley;
 - d. further infringing the Oakley Trademark and damaging Oakley's goodwill;
 - e. manufacturing, shipping, delivering, holding for sale, transferring or otherwise moving, storing, distributing, returning, or otherwise disposing of, in any manner, products or inventory not manufactured by or for Oakley, nor authorized by Oakley to be sold or offered for sale, and which bear any of Oakley's trademarks, including the Oakley Trademark, or any reproductions, counterfeit copies or colorable imitations thereof;
 - f. aiding, abetting, contributing to or otherwise assisting anyone in infringing upon the Oakley Trademark; and
 - g. effecting assignments or transfers, forming new entities or associations, or utilizing any other device for the purpose of circumventing or otherwise avoiding the prohibitions set forth in Subparagraphs (a) through (f).
- 2) That Defendants, within fourteen (14) days after service of judgment with notice of entry thereof upon them, be required to file with the Court and serve upon Oakley a written report under oath setting forth in detail the manner in which Defendants have complied with paragraph 1, a through g, above;
- 3) That Defendants account for and pay to Oakley all profits realized by Defendants by reason of Defendants' unlawful acts herein alleged, and that the amount of damages for

infringement of the Oakley Trademark be increased by a sum not exceeding three times the amount thereof as provided by 15 U.S.C. § 1117;

- 4) In the alternative, that Oakley be awarded statutory damages for willful trademark counterfeiting pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1117(c) of \$2,000,000 for each and every use of the Oakley Trademark;
- 5) That Oakley be awarded its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs; and
- 6) Award any and all other relief that this Court deems just and proper.

JURY DEMAND

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 38, Oakley hereby demands a trial by jury as to all issues so triable.

Dated this 3rd day of March 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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